

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful consideration given the present patent application and for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action dated November 29, 2006, and the references applied therein. In response, applicants have canceled, without prejudice, claims 53, 54, 73-83, 95, and 98 and amended claims 50, 55, and 94. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that there are substantial structural differences between the light bar disclosed in Green et al. and applicants' claimed invention. However, to expedite the prosecution of the subject matter that the Office Action indicates is allowable, Applicants have rewritten the claims as reflected in the instant Listing of Claims.

In particular, claims 53 and 54 have been canceled and the substance thereof has been incorporated into claim 50. Accordingly, as indicated by the Office Action, amended claim 50, which is effectively claim 54 rewritten in independent form, is in condition for allowance. Claims 51, 52, and 56-72 depend from amended claim 50 and, therefore, they contain the same patentable features as claim 50.

Claims 84-93 are allowed.

Claim 94 has been amended to include much of the substance of claim 95 and is believed to be patentable as indicated in the Office Action. Claims 96 and 97 depend from amended claim 94 and, therefore, contain the same patentable features thereof.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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